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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Fujimoto et al. ✓  
Serial No.: 09/857,382 ✓  
Filed: July 23, 2001 ✓  
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**PETITION FOR THIRD MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

Commissioner For Patents  
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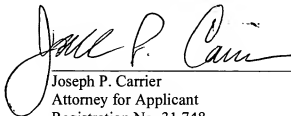
Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for a third month extension of time in the above-identified application for responding to the Office Action dated 26 November 2002.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$520.00 in payment of the required fee for a third month extension, to Deposit Account 50-0744, in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. The petition is attached herewith, together with applicant's responsive Amendment-C. Applicant had previously submitted petition and payment for the first and second month extensions on 25 April 2003.

Since the requested extension of time would not extend the total response time beyond the six-month statutory period, it is believed that this petition is in order and approval of same in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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